



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

First Sunday after Epiphany
January 10, 2021

Solo

“Mary, Did You Know?”

(Mark Lowry)

(Jean Nutgrass ~ soloist)

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm the storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little baby, you kiss the face of God)

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the lamb!

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy is Heaven's perfect Lamb?
That sleeping child you're holding is the great I am

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (done in unison)

For the coming of this new day and the opportunity to begin again,

For the chance to think anew and the invitation to revisit and amend,

For the ways we have found refuge and challenge within this congregation and the community of Christ around the world,

For our bodies through which we know and celebrate life,

For this glorious, complicated, interconnected world that is our home,

We give you thank and praise, O God.

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners. To seek and save the lost. Forgive us, who claim to live in his Spirit, when we turn away from loving your people. Rescue us and baptize us with the Holy Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may love your Word and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Light forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

P: Hear the Good News! God said to Jesus: “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” We have a high priest who is able to sympathize with our weakness, who has been tempted as we are, yet is without sin. In Christ’s name we may draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, and there find mercy and grace to help in time of need. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

M: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!**

Scripture From the Law of the Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-5

1 In the beginning when God created^[a] the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God^[b] swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Anthem *“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” (arr. Ji-hoon Park)*

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart*

Scripture

From the History of the New Testament: Acts 19:1-7

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³ Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴ Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— ⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

The wondrous works of God are more than we can number. God has blessed us far beyond our ability to name the gifts. In our baptism, God has called us to a life of witnessing. Let us glorify God through deeds of light and through words that bless and heal. May our offerings reach out around the world in Christ’s name.

Offertory

“He Loved Me”

(Tom Fettke)

He chose me before the world was known.
He chose me to be His very own.
He made me, then let me find my way
I chose to move away.
He loved me when hope had taken wing.
He loved me when I lost everything.
He bought me, redemption’s work was done.
through Jesus Christ His son.

What shall separate me from the love of God?
Should dreams of tomorrow, pain, or sorrow?
Can the need of food or earthly possessions,
the threat of war or man’s oppression?
In all these things, victory is our reward through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Of this I am sure, that neither death, nor life, nor
Angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor
things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any creature
shall separate me from the love of God, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Scripture

From the Gospels: Mark 1:4-11

⁴ John the baptizer appeared^[a] in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with^[b] water; but he will baptize you with^[c] the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved;^[d] with you I am well pleased.”

Sermon “Belonging” Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Hymn “*Jesus Calls Us O’ver the Tumult*” (Galilee)
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Benediction

Response

Postlude “*Psalm XIX*” (Marcello)

Thought for the Day

There is a tendency at every important but difficult crossroad to pretend that it’s not really there.

- Bill McKibben, “The End of Nature”

Today’s Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

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1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us— by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 pleas - ures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.